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AN APPROXIMATELY 50-FOOT DIAMETER DISH ANTENNA IS NEWLY OBSERVED
 AT THE ASHKABAD SPACE TRACKING FACILITY, 37-53-20N 58-22-10E ON KH MISSION
 THE ANTENNA, WHICH POSSIBLY HAS AN X-Y MOUNT, IS THE
 SAME APPROXIMATE SIZE AS THAT USED FOR COMMUNICATION IN THE MOLNIYA PROGRAM.
 THE ANTENNA WAS NOT EVIDENT IN ALTHOUGH PROBABLE COMPONENTS
 WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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THE ASHKABAD SPACE TRACKING FACILITY IS BEING CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 3,000
 FEET OF THE ASHKABAD ORBITA FACILITY WHICH FURTHER SUGGESTS A SATELLITE
 COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION FOR THE SPACE TRACKING FACILITY.

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